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HE ORDERED GOODS SENT MONROE LADY

Well Dressed, Polite "Gentleman" in Charlotte Flashes Checks for Good Sums

MADE SMALL PURCHASES

Ivey's, Belks and Little-Long are Victims of the Professionals Who Blew Into the City Recently

The following story from today's Charlotte Observer will be of interest to the people of Union county. The name of the Monroe lady to whom the package was addressed was of course fictitious. Local postal employees could find no such name in this city and the package was returned to Charlotte, but the instance should serve as a warning to merchants of this county to be on the lookout for check flashers. The story follows:

Exponents of the bogus check profession were learned last night to have relieved four leading mercantile establishments of the city on last Thursday of amounts totaling about \$200.

The stores who were "taken in" by means of a fake certified check on a St. Louis bank and forged instruments on two local banks were Belk Brothers company, J. B. Ivey and company, the Little-Long company and J. L. Staten company.

It was not until Saturday and yesterday that the full extent of the loss was known to the stores. In the case of J. L. Staten company it was learned that a well dressed man of about 50 years of age made a purchase of \$18 worth of feminine apparel Thursday afternoon, which he ordered mailed to his "daughter" in Monroe. He gave Mr. Staten a check for \$35 on a prominent bank of St. Louis, Mo., which was made out in the form of a certified check and, according to Mr. Staten, bore all the marks of being genuine.

The "gentleman" himself was the acme of politeness and culture, according to Mr. Staten, and the balance of \$20 was paid to him in cash. He departed and it was not until late Saturday afternoon that any more thought was given to the transaction, when the package purchased by the man was returned from Monroe marked "not in directory." Yesterday morning the check was reported by the Federal Reserve bank as being bogus in every respect, including false numerals and a forged signature.

Meanwhile it was also discovered by the other stores that checks for \$53.83 given to each of them by a man judged to be around forty-five years of age on last Thursday afternoon were worthless. The man made a small purchase at each of the stores and in each case presented a check already made out for \$53.83, receiving the difference in cash.

The check given to Little-Long's and Belk's were made out on the counter banks of the Union National bank and the one given to Ivey's was made out on a similar form of the Commercial National bank, it was stated.

In the last three instances the man gave an address on Allen street, but upon investigation, it was learned that no such party was known at the address given. The description of the man varies, as it appears he was not closely examined and no thought of crookedness appears to have been given to his action at the time.

There is no certainty, it was learned last night, that the man who gave the certified check on the St. Louis bank and the man giving the local checks are the same, although the ages and appearances are said to correspond in many respects.

Some of the stores are covered in the loss by a forged bond and, according to Morrison Ewing, manager of the forged bond department of the National Surety company, the opinion of the investigation bureau of his company is that the man who gave the bogus certified check is a member of a gang of operators who are attempting to flood the country with checks of this nature, said to be something of a new departure in the way of check passing.

The recent capture of a young man from Beauford, N. C., in Birmingham, Ala., after he is said to have passed hundreds of dollars worth of similar certified checks, leads to this suspicion, it is said.

The local branch of Bodecker's National Detective agency are working on the case and it is said that it represents one of the most extensive "lifts" made in this city in one day in many months.

It was learned last night that such occurrences are rarely successful with the local stores, many attempts being made right along to but over a worthless check, but almost as often the would-be culprit being detected.

An instance of this kind happened at the Little-Long store last week, when a nice looking woman made a purchase and tendered a check supposed to have been on a bank in a small town near Charlotte. When told that no record of a bank in that town by the name given on the check could be found, she stated that it had just opened two or three days before. She got away while an investigation was being made.

Mr. A. B. Joseph went to Baltimore Saturday to buy goods for his new store which will be opened to the public in a few days.

FARMERS TO RECEIVE CROP MARKET REPORTS BY RADIO

Chicago Board of Trade Announces System to Reach Radius of Five Thousand Miles

Chicago, March 4.—The farmer need be no more than 30 minutes behind his city brother in receiving news of the factors which determine prices of agricultural products, Robert McDougal, president of the Chicago board of trade, said tonight in a statement outlining the board's plan to broadcast crop market reports by radio telephone beginning Monday.

The radio system, which will cover a territory within a radius of 500 miles of Chicago, he characterized as "the greatest forward step in 2,000 years" in bringing the farmer in contact with the factors that make the price of his product.

The statement said: "Telephone and the automobile moved the farms closer to the cities. They will be brought still closer by our radio telephone service. It is our belief that our half hour bulletin giving not only quotations, but fundamental news of the crop and market situation throughout the world, will enable the grain grower to buy or sell as confidently and almost as quickly as if he were in Chicago.

"The radio system will cover the territory within a radius of 500 miles of this city. In this area there are, I am informed, thousands of radio sets in villages and on farms.

"Even on farms where there is no apparatus there are telephones and the nearby villages will have the radio reports.

"In the great war we read that bed springs and even coat hangers were made to serve the purpose of the wireless and if we may predict the future by the past it may not be far fetched to vision the day when the farmer following his furrow may be in instantaneous touch not only with the factors which affect the price of his product but with the news of the world. In its present stage, however, I believe that country grain elevators which are scattered everywhere will serve as stations for our reports being distributed by them still further by telephone to such farms as have not their own radios.

"A day may mean much to the farmer in marketing his grain. Prices in an open competitive market adjust themselves at high speed to changing conditions. It is important that the farmer and the country grain dealer should learn of these changes without delay.

"The price of grain is not determined by factors in any one country, but by crop and marketing conditions of the whole world. The effect of rain in Kansas, for instance, may be offset by drought in India or Australia. In our radio report therefore we hope more nearly to equalize the news opportunities between the farmer at his plow and the city man at his ticker."

Opening of Laundry Office in Monroe Announced

The Union Laundry and Cleaning Co., announce the opening of an office in the Blair-English building on South Main St., for the organization of a modern laundry and dry cleaning plant, and Mr. Sheppard desires to get in immediate personal touch with all citizens interested in the establishment of this industry for the city of Monroe.

The concern is assembling a complete dry cleaning and hat renovating plant and has taken over the cleaning and pressing equipment of Mr. O. C. Laney. Mr. Laney is connected with the firm as outside representative. Expert service will be given the public in these lines.

Pending the organization of the laundry proper, an arrangement has been effected with the laundries of Charlotte to give the people of Monroe a laundry service at the prices charged in Charlotte. Within ten days a truck will be in operation between Monroe and Charlotte, as well as in the city, for the collection and delivery of both laundry and dry cleaning. By giving such a service to the people and getting acquainted and in personal touch with them, Mr. Sheppard hopes to better determine by the volume of business secured the type of equipment necessary, and arrangement of proper addition to building for the installation of a plant to suit the needs of the people.

It is desired that everyone give their active co-operation in order to encourage the immediate development of the laundry plant.

Mount Veruvius Again in State Eruption

Naples, March 5.—Mount Vesuvius is again in eruption. The phenomenon begun with two mild shocks of earthquakes which was followed by the collapse of the eruptive cone, 200 feet high, which stood inside the crater.

The fall of the cone was accompanied by rumblings and explosions and the throwing out of ashes and incandescent stones. Lava poured out from the crater in streams and in 24 hours since the disturbance began it covered an area of 100,000 square feet.

The lava has formed round the crater an incandescent bank more than 300 feet wide. The temperature of this molten mass is 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The width of the crater is now 1,500 feet. Professor Malladra, director of the observatory of Vesuvius, descended into the crater at the beginning of the eruption. The heat scorched his face.

Union County Subscribes Liberal Amounts for Armenian Sufferers

Men's Bible Class, Sunday Schools, Pastime Theatre, Schools, Business Houses and Many Individuals Make Splendid Contributions to Save the Children's Lives

Mr. W. E. Thomas, county chairman of the Armenian Relief Fund campaign, furnishes the following information in regard to the work in this county:

The campaign for funds for Armenian children will close Monday, the 13th of March. Those who have not made contributions to this great cause are urged to do so before it is too late.

The Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Sunday school took a collection for this cause on Sunday, and \$47.25 was raised and turned over to the local chairman.

Fifty-seven dollars was raised last Thursday by Mrs. Earl Shute, who very generously gave the proceeds of the Pastime Theatre on that day. Mrs. Shute alone sold approximately a hundred tickets aside from those sold at the box office.

The Presbyterian Sunday school has agreed to take a special collection next Sunday for this cause. A generous amount is anticipated.

The following other donations are acknowledged:

Those giving \$10.00: Mr. and Mrs. Craven Gordon, Mr. Townley Stevens, Mr. Jas. A. Stewart, Mr. Robert Lee, Dr. J. M. Belk, Mr. R. A. Morrow.

Those giving \$5.00: Mrs. A. M. Secrest, Mr. Bruce Redmon, Mr. J. H. Lee, Mr. L. F. Plyler, Mr. D. B. Snyder, Mr. Geo. E. Woods, Mr. W. S. Blakeney, Mrs. Annie B. Ashcraft, Mr. J. W. Hines, Messrs. Stack, Parker & Craig, Mr. J. T. Shute, Lutheran Sunday school, \$5.25.

Those giving \$1.00: Tom Lee, Al-

len Lee, Grier Robinson, V. C. Davis, J. P. Millikin, J. M. Boyette, E. C. Laney, T. A. Gordon, W. B. Cole, J. W. Love, Wilson Jones, Dr. S. A. Alexander, David Bowles, Miss Maude Boyette, R. H. Dougherty, Fred Smith, Bob Howie, Hill Wolfe, F. H. Dillon, Frank Ashcraft, Olin McManus, Dewey English, Rob Laney, Tom Price, R. S. Spencer, Gilliam Craig, Joe Hudson, James Morrow, Ed. Lee, Arthur Edgeworth, John Douglas, Sam Hudson, Worth Plyler, Gilmer Joyce, R. H. Cunningham, Dr. G. M. Smith, Dr. R. H. Garren, G. B. McClellan, Ellison Hamilton, S. E. Haigler, W. L. Hemby, C. B. Adams, W. C. Dees, G. B. Caldwell, G. H. Clontz, R. M. Benton, H. B. Clark, Willie Wah, W. W. Pusser, John Parker, Jr., Sarah Parker, English Drug Co., A. A. Secrest, J. L. Woodson, M. L. Flow, Miss Mary Douglas, Mrs. Walter Henderson, Miss Sadie Bundy, Mrs. T. L. Crowell, Miss Cora Winchester, Miss Folger, Dr. B. C. Redfern, Mrs. T. P. Dillon, Mrs. Walter McCorkle, one signing "a friend," Joffre Hotel.

The following odd amounts are acknowledged: Wingate school, 1st and 2nd and 3rd grades, \$4.00; Icemore school, \$3.00; W. J. Rudge, \$3; Union Drug Co., \$2.50; T. P. Dillon, \$2.50; E. C. Winchester, \$2; J. D. McRae, \$2; A. A. Heath, \$2; H. H. Milton, \$2; Dr. Nance, \$2; W. C. Crowell, \$2; Hall Wilson, \$2; Miss Annie Nelson, \$1.50; Miss Hannah Blair, \$1; Eighth grade Monroe high school, \$1.25; L. S. Fowler & Co., \$2; cash \$1.

Total amount collected to date, \$332.25.

DELEGATIONS PRESENTED MANY WISHES MONDAY

Mullis Bridge Across Richardson Creek to Be Built Soon—Other Work Ordered at Once

From the throngs of citizens in the city yesterday from the rural sections one might have judged it to be court week, but not so. When Mr. J. N. Price, member of the Road Commission, was asked why so many people were in town, he replied that they are wanting roads.

The first Monday in each month is the regular time for the commission to hold its monthly meetings and yesterday there were delegations from Vance, Goose Creek, Lanes Creek and New Salem townships and a number of individuals from other sections of the county all asking for roads to be built or old ones to be repaired. Mr. Price states that the commission would like to yield to the wishes of all of them, but that it is impossible to do all the work at once.

The commission states that steel has been ordered for the erection of the Mullis bridge across Richardson creek near Mr. G. W. Smith's in New Salem township. This bridge is to be built of steel on cement foundation and work will probably begin at no distant date.

Work has been ordered, to begin at once, on the road leading from New Town near Monroe to Marvin. It will take about \$250 a mile to repair this road and the work is to be done by day labor under the supervision of Mr. W. R. McCorkle. Citizens living along the road will be given the privilege of furnishing the labor if they so desire.

The Mountaineers Are Not in Ignorance

It is unfair for any one to think of illiterates as ignorant, Dr. A. E. Winship, of Boston, told delegates from fourteen states attending the Illiteracy Conference of Middle West and Northern States.

"Every illiterate from the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee and the Carolinas was infinitely better skilled to shoot and dodge shots in the World War than United States Senators and university president," he said. "Every one of them was worth more to the army than all their critics when it came to handling firearms or facing firearms. The keynote was struck when it was said that they could not write their families, and, if they could their families couldn't read what they wrote."

"In the mountains on the east of Kentucky and Tennessee, and on the west of the Carolinas, there have been as good native brains as in Wall Street, Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. The mountains have been full of men of pure blood brains. Philadelphia and Chicago, New York and San Francisco, have been as illiterate as the brain messages of mountaineers as they are to the Sunday school syndicate lessons of William J. Bryan."

"The mountaineers can teach graduate students much that it would do them good to learn. The outside world needs to have these native illiterate adults learn so that they can teach the outside world some of their wisdom."

Mrs. Mary Jane Moore of the Gilboa community, Marshville township, is reported at the point of death. Mrs. Moore is one of the oldest residents of the county, being about 87 years of age, and her recovery is very doubtful.

SHERIFF FOWLER LODGES SLATON IN COUNTY JAIL

Man Who Delivered W. R. McCorkle's Car Over to Frazier is Arrested

Sheriff Clifford Fowler went to Charlotte Saturday and brought Lewis Slaton to Monroe and lodged him in jail on a charge of automobile theft. For some time Sheriff Fowler has been at work trying to locate the theft that stole W. R. McCorkle's Ford car on the night of the Foch celebration in Monroe. While he was in Richmond last week with extradition papers for Frazier it was learned that the latter held a bill of sale from Slaton. Upon his return Sheriff Fowler informed Charlotte officers of the fact and Slaton was arrested and placed in custody for the Union officer. In default of a \$10,000 bond he is held in jail here as stated above for trial before Recorder Lemmond next Friday.

Slaton is also held in Mecklenburg county under a warrant charging a similar offense and has \$5000 in cash up in Charlotte for his appearance in court. His father, who lives in Danville, Va., placed the bond.

Two Charlotte detectives, who have been waging a warfare against automobile thieves, have rounded up about 11 thieves and have recovered around 25 stolen cars.

Chamber of Commerce News

The business men of Monroe were quick to realize the advantage of having an up-to-date City Directory and lost no time in getting aboard when the representative of the Commercial Service Company of Asheville called on them last week. The company publishing the directory derives its revenue from the advertising space and copies of the directory sold and has to be assured of a sufficient volume to justify them in proceeding with the work. The company's representative called on only a portion of the business houses in town, naturally lining up the larger firms first—and those who did not have an opportunity to reserve space, can do so in about two weeks, when the field force will be here to canvass the city for the information to be used in compiling the work.

The Chamber of Commerce has for some time realized the need of a city directory and Mr. Ford, the representative of the Commercial Service Company, came here on the invitation of Secretary Orton, who gave him considerable assistance in putting the proposition before the business men of the city.

The question of improving the appearance of some of the vacant property in the business section of town by erecting attractive signboards has been taken up with Dixie Poster Advertising Company of Richmond, Va., who has promised Secretary Orton to send a representative to Monroe at an early date to investigate the proposition.

Baseball was the subject discussed at a large and enthusiastic meeting held Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce. Frank Fairley, president of the Monroe Athletic Association, presided, and after hearing the treasurer's report, the meeting was opened for a general discussion regarding the policy to be pursued this season. There seemed to be considerable sentiment in favor of organizing a league composed of nearby towns and Secretary Orton was instructed to get in touch with baseball officials at Hamlet, Rockingham, Wadesboro, Albemarle and Laurinburg, with the idea of arranging a conference.

A motion by J. B. Simpson to dissolve the Monroe Athletic Association as a corporation and reorganize was referred to a committee composed of Frank Fairley, G. B. Caldwell and Sheriff Fowler, who are to investigate the legality of such a proceeding and report at the next meeting.

C. H. Hasty, J. B. Simpson and Claude Bruner were appointed to take up the question of organizing a league and to gather all possible information bearing on the subject. Wednesday, March 15th, at 7:30 p. m., was agreed upon as the time for the next meeting of officers, directors and stockholders of the Athletic Association, when the reports of the various committees will be heard, and the business of reorganization and election of officers will be taken up. This will also be an open meeting and anyone desiring to attend and take part in the proceedings is invited to do so.

Gets a Life Sentence For Killing His Wife

Pickens, S. C., March 3.—After deliberating two hours and a half the jury early tonight returned a verdict of guilty of murder with recommendation to mercy in the case of Ross Powell, who killed his wife, Emily Powell, at Glenwood Cotton mill, in Easley, on October 4, last. A sentence of life imprisonment was immediately imposed. The defense announced that to appeal would be taken. Powell's defense was insanity. The case was started Wednesday. Powell, it was charged, went to the mill where his wife was at work and slashed her throat from ear to ear with a razor, killing her instantly.

Mrs. Fortson Dies in Nettleton, Miss. The Journal received notice this morning of the death of Mrs. Kate Gathings Fortson on March 4th at her home in Nettleton, Miss. Mrs. Fortson was the mother of Mrs. L. C. Bickett, formerly of Monroe, but who now lives in Nettleton. Mrs. Bickett's many friends here greatly sympathize with her in her bereavement.

MORMONISM EVILS LAID BARE SUNDAY

Mrs. Shepard Delivers Three Addresses in Monroe With Startling Revelations

POWERFUL ORGANIZATION

Mormon Church a Great Financial and Political Machine That Threatens to Destroy Homes of Nation

In her lecture on "The Menace of Mormonism" in Central Methodist church Sunday evening, Mrs. Lula Loveland Shepard stated that we spent vast sums of money and sacrificed thousands of lives to break down the autocracy in Germany, but that the Mormon church is the greatest autocracy in the world today. She pointed out that the head of this church is absolute ruler over the entire membership—that one tenth of all incomes of Mormons must be turned over to the head of the church who calls himself a prophet, but that it might as well be spelled profit, since he is not required to give an account of the expenditures of the money to anybody.

Mrs. Shepard said that it is due to this absolute power invested in one man that the Mormon church has made such wonderful headway in America. The church went into business and has acquired ownership of vast stretches of sugar-beet territory and also owns the Great Salt Lake which is within itself a natural monopoly. She said the Mormon church is the wealthiest church in America and that this wealth has been gained through the perfect organization and teaching of the Mormon religion and the unscrupulous methods Mormons employ to obtain riches from the Gentile world.

The speaker took a shot at polygamy, stating that a noted Mormon was once brought into court charged with polygamy and was tried by a Mormon judge and jury. He admitted having several wives and forty-five children, but the judge let him off with a fine of \$300 because it was his first offense. The doctrine they teach, that only members of this church are saints, makes it hard to handle the situation among their own people. And also the Mormon church is a great military organization. Every male child knows that he must prepare for carrying on their propaganda after he reaches certain ages—he must spend three years in America, five in European and seven in Asiatic countries, and he must go without money or food—thereby compelling protestant denominations to contribute to the support of the Mormon missionary work. Every youth is also a trained soldier, waiting the time when the church with the sword expects to accomplish its purpose of ramming its ideas down the throats of the nations and taking the women into a slavery worse than death.

Mrs. Shepard said that the Mormon church is a powerful political machine, holding the balance of power in 11 of the Western states, placing 22 United States senators under influence of the Mormon church. Its system of tithing has collected for the past 50 years a total of \$500,000,000 which has been placed in gilt edge securities that gives it a wonderful financial influence. The secrecy of the Mormon Temple prevents outsiders from knowing just what is rotating on and married women often retain their maiden names, the speaker declared.

She said two of the most powerful senators in the United States senate today are Reed Smoot and Will Smith, and that Smoot is a Mormon apostle standing just two from the head of the church. If these two were to die Smoot would become head of the Mormon church and would resign his place in the senate. Mrs. Shepard is sent out by the National Reform Society and the purpose is to arouse people and secure their aid in getting a bill through both houses that will prevent polygamy—a bill with teeth. She also spoke Sunday morning in the First Baptist church and in the afternoon in the Presbyterian church. Large crowds heard her at all three places and the people are somewhat aroused over her revelations, coming as they do from a lady who has spent her life in Salt Lake City, the center of Mormonism.

In this connection, it will be interesting to give some extracts from the address of Dr. J. M. Tibbets of Boston, who spoke on the same subject in Charlotte Sunday. It is taken from the Charlotte Observer of yesterday and follows:

Describes Mormon Temple Dr. Tibbets described a journey through the great Mormon temple in Salt Lake City. There are four temples in this country and others are to be erected soon, he said.

The temple required 40 years in the building and can only be entered by an underground passage. Why the underground passage? Because the whole Mormon church is an illegal institution and the leaders have been in trouble with Uncle Sam time after time. All of Salt Lake city is undermined and honey-combed with underground places, so that these leaders can hide when the agents of the government come for them.

Once inside the temple, and Dr. Tibbets described a wedding journey, all of those who go are divested of all their garments in a large room.

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